

Summary of Resources at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial



There are a number of resources available at the park to help the students learn more about Abraham Lincoln and what frontier life was like for him. In the Memorial Visitor Center there are two memorial halls, the Abraham Lincoln Hall and the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Hall; a museum with exhibits about the Lincolns and pioneer life; and an orientation film. Park rangers can provide tours of the building and talk about Lincoln's youth and his family.

The *Nancy Hanks Lincoln gravesite* is located just to the north of the Memorial Visitor Center and can be reached by a short walk through the landscaped portion of the park grounds. The grave is situated in a small wooded cemetery surrounded by an iron fence and is marked by a stone marker that was placed there in 1879.

The *Lincoln Boyhood Trail* begins at the cemetery and continues north to the *Cabin Site Memorial*, which marks the location of one of the Lincolns' cabins, and the *Lincoln Living Historical Farm*.

The *Lincoln Living Historical Farm* is a re-creation of a pioneer farm. Fully furnished structures, including the 22' x 16' cabin, the smokehouse, the corn crib, the carpenter shop, and the barn provide an historic backdrop for rangers in 1820s period clothing performing a variety of pioneer tasks including chopping firewood, cooking over an open fire, spinning wool, working in the garden, splitting rails, making shingles, making soap and dyeing yarn. Nearby fields are cultivated using historic varieties of crops and methods of farming.

The *Trail of Twelve Stones* begins at the farm and ends near the cemetery. At various points along the trail there are stones from buildings that were associated with Lincoln's life. Small plaques explain the origin and significance of each stone. The combined length of the Boyhood Trail and the Trail of Twelve Stones is approximately one mile.

North of the farm another trail, the *Lincoln Boyhood Nature Trail*, makes a one mile circular loop through a forested area.